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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The subject application had foreign counterparts filed under the PTC. The International Search Report developed as a result of the International Search has noted as a reference U.S. Patent No. 5,967,852 (hereinafter, '852, copy enclosed). The '852 patent relates to a repairable connector for a transmission line. To more clearly define the instant invention over the '852 patent the claims have been amended to incorporate previous Claim 5 into Claim 1 (and thus all of the remaining claims). As amended the claims now all require that the electrical insulator (32) have a second end (46) that extends over the second end (26) of the first electrical contact (22) with the terminus of the second end (26) including a lip (48) that forms an alignment area for the reception of the mating electrical contact. This feature is most clearly seen in Applicants' Fig. 2. Reference to Figs. 3 and 13 of the '852 patent will show that this feature is not present. The feature is discussed in the instant specification in paragraphs 007, 0015 and 0025.

Accordingly, it is believed that this application is condition for immediate allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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